on Nepalese gurkhas. However, as per 2001 census, there are 6,40,862 persons who have reportedly been born in Nepal and enumerated in India.

(b) There are no reports to indicate that Nepalese gurkhas are taking up arms for Maoists in the wake of lesser job opportunities in the Army.

(c) Does not arise.

**Census of religion basis**

1010. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had directed State Governments to conduct census on religion basis as reported in a section of print media;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what was the idea of Government to conduct census on religion basis; and

(d) whether Government had received any objection to such move?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYAGAVIT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

**Formation of 'Bharat Rakshit Vahini**

†1011. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal to form "Bharat Rakshit Vahini" to tackle the problem of Naxalism in Madhya Pradesh is pending;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have sanctioned Rs. 13 crores for formation of "Bharat Rakshit Vahini" I.R. Battalion; and

(d) if so, the present status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): No, Sir.

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